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A MINUTE'S REST.

bytery had been against him he might have ap-pealed. But he cannot appeal against a verdict of acquittal. Therefore he was limited to com-

of acquirtae. Therefore he was limited to com-plaints, and complaints can only be made to "the next superior judicatory," the synod of New York. He and his co-presbyters gave notice of several complaints which it is their in-tention to prosecute before the synod of New York at its next meeting. One of these has already been called to your attention and has been read to you. These are the other com-

been read to you. These are the other com-plaints made against the interlocutory decisions

These complaints are against interlocutors judgments of the presbytery and have to do with the very foundations of the case. If the

ynod recognize the validity of these complaints

the prosecutors have no case against him, and any decision this assembly might make, if they

should entertain the appeal and then sustain it and reverse it, would be null and void by the re-

and reverse it, would be null and void by the reversal of the synod of these interlocutory judgments of the presbytery of New York. The defendant and his copresbyters have the constitutional right to make these complaints. That was the only way in which they could bring these unjust and unlawful proceedings of the presbytery before the superior courts. The synod has a right to entertain them and determine them. The synod cannot refuse the complainants their right of a hearing and of a

complainants their right of a hearing and of a decision. If the assembly entertain this appeal without considering these complaints, which cannot legally be brought before you, you cannot have the whole case of Dr. Briggs before

PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS.

The defendant made a number of preliminary

objections before the trial began. The presby-

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

judicatory by both appeal and complaint the same should be consolidated for trial if deemed

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The law of the church is that appeals should be consolidated with complaints. The law is: "If a case should be carried to an appellate

of the presbytery: (The case II., pp. 69-77.)

violate the constitutional rights of the presbytery of New York. The presbytery has not given

its consent to leap the synod of New York. The presbytery has the right to claim the vindication of the synod of New York against these prosecutors. These appellants appeal against the final judgment of the presbytery of New York. They ask you to condemn the presbytery and reverse their final judgment. Commissioners from the presbyteries represented in this general assembly look the situation in the face! Apply to it the golden rule of our Savior. What would you think of it if a committee of your presbytery should force your this general assembly look the situation in the face! Apply to it the golden rule of our Savior. What would you think of it if a committee of your presbytery should force your presbytery for trial before the general assembly without its consent? What would you think of it if your presbytery should be deprived of its rightful defense before the synod? If you listen to the appeal of these prosecutors you will establish a precedent that will vex you in your own presbyteries before many days. It is doubtful whether the presbytery of New York and the other presbyteries which compose the synod of New York will submit to such an act of violence and wrong.

You cannot entertain this appeal without depriving the defendant and his co-presbyters of the right of complaint which is guaranteed to him in the constitution. The only remedy the defendant and his co-presbyters had against unjust and unlawful action of the presbytery of New York.

An unparalleled wrong that they would be to do such an unparalleled wrong that they would be to do such an unparalleled wrong that they would

the defendant and the lower courts would be to do such an unparalleled wrong that they would be justified in resisting it to the utmost extremities in the civil and ecclesiastical courts. It seems almost incredible that the general assembly, now in session in the capital of our country, the fountain of law for our nation, in full view of all these monuments of constitution, and of law, and of order, could even consider the propriety of committing such a wrong and running such a risk, which at the utmost can decision to a final issue a case which may be brought to a final issue without violence and without wrong by the next general assembly.

The system of law which governs the courts of the church has developed in harmony with the system of law which governs our native land. Its stately structure has been exerted by land. Its stately structure has been erected by the piety, the wisdom, the industry and the experience of many generations. All the great nations of antiquity have contributed to its material. Moses and the prophets Draco, Solon and Lycurgus, the ten commands and the twelve tables, the pandects and the institutes, the canonists of the church and the jurists of the modern states have united in the building of the palace of civil and ecclesiastical law. God forbid that the appellee should stain any one of the precious stones of its structure. He



"NOW, I ASK YOU IN ALL PAIRNESS." would gladly suffer injury and even wrong rather than violate any of its sanctities. Under its stately roof and in its ample enclosures there is peace and safety and right. you. You will have only an ex parte and a partial statement of the case. You would, on the one hand, deprive him of his legal right of complaint, on the other hand you would run the risk of making an ex parte judgment.

The court should be on their guard lest they do gross injustice by such a procedure. We have looked upon its foundations of justice. We have studied its pillars of right. We have examined its courses of equity. How dare we disturb a single one of them? Surely you will not tear down one stone after another of this sacred pile in order to gratify the vain ambition of these prosecutors and give them a victory at such a cost to every one but them-

tery sustained four of these objections. This Reasons of the Prosecution. gives the appellants seven of their grounds of appeal. But the presbytery overruled five of What reasons do they give you for doing so great perils and for establishing such dangerfendant has is in his five complaints to the synod of New York. Will you review four of ous precedents? these objections in the interest of the appellants when you cannot review five of these objections

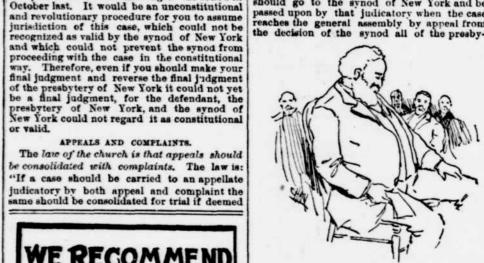
If a revolution be necessary in order to purge when you cannot review five of these objections in the interest of the appellee?

Will you entertain their appeal against the procedure of the presbytery so far as it favors the defendant when you cannot entertain his complaints against that procedure so far as it favors the prosecution?

Will you entertain their appeal against his evidence when you cannot entertain his complaint against their evidence? Surely no court of law could do such flagrant injustice.

You cannot entertain this appeal without the Presbyterian Church, and a return to chao Possibly other reasons are kept in reserve to bring before you after the appellee has exhausted his privilege of the floor which they think they may then impose upon you without imperiling their validity. The appellants have shown great skill in such tactics. But if you should allow them to go beyond their privilege of rebuttal and bring in any additional reasons you will doubtless find that those which we shall test are a fair sample of the whole.

The appellants claim that "If the appeal The appellants claim that "If the appeal should go to the synod of New York and be passed upon by that judicatory when the case reaches the general assembly by appeal from the decision of the synod all of the presby-



A SLEEPY COMMISSIONER. teries constituting that synod would be ex-cluded from representation in the final deter-mination of these important questions. If the appeal goes directly to the assembly the com-missioners from only one presbytery in the entire church would be excluded from sitting, de-liberating and voting in the final decision. In the synod of New York there are thirty-two presbyteries, nearly 15 per cent of the whole number of presbyteries in the church. Inasmuch as all these presbyteries, excepting one, would be fully represented and heard in the general assembly, and the general assembly alone can give a final decision, we believe the time and interests of the synod of New York will be best conserved if the assembly should entertain the appeal according to the committee's request." tee's request.

REGRETS OF THE SYNOD. This is specious and plausible, but all the more suspicious on that account. At the last general assembly the appellants represented that they would prove to be the best friends of the appellee and that it was his interest that he should be tried in the court of the presbytery. They had their way. The trial has taken place and now they appeal against the verdict of acquittal. Such friends have been sufficiently well known to the world since the terms. knewn to the world since the story of Job. These same prosecutors now represent that it is in the interest of the synod that they leap the synod. But who made these appellants the attorney to plead the interest of the synod of New York? It will be time enough for them to represent the interest of the synod when they have received a commission from the they have received a commission from the synod. The synod of New York has rights and duties in the case. It is for the synod and for the synod alone to say whether it will consent to be leaped. The synod did not give its con-sent last October. It is doubtful whether it will give its consent next October. It is true there is an apparent unfairness in excluding 15

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bounds of the synod of New York to send as their commissioners to the assembly ministers and elders who were not members of the synod of New York and who took no part in the pro-ceedings of the synod, and so would not be exceedings of the synod, and so would not be ex-cluded from the final vote in the general assem-bly. There may be a difference of opinion about this matter. But certainly no law or precedent would exclude them. This reason for leaping the synod, therefore, is without force. There is no difficulty such as is alleged; and if there were it would be far better to face the difficulty and suffer from it than do the the difficulty and suffer from it than do the vastly greater wrong of intruding upon the re-served rights of the synod of New York.

STILL ALLEGING DANGEROUS ERRORS. Another reason given by the appellants for the entertainment of their appeal is, "believing that the trial of the said Dr. Briggs is one of the most important in the history of the Presbyterian Church, by reason of the dan-gerous errors alleged to be contained in the ad-dress of the said Dr. Briggs."

Dangerous errors are still alleged against the

Dangerous errors are still alleged against the inaugural address of Dr. Briggs, notwithstanding his acquittal by the presbytery of New York. These appellants are doubtless sincere in their allegation. But the presumption is against them. These may be reasons to justify them in their course before the bar of their own consciences, but they are not reasons why you should entertain their appeal and leap the synod of New York. You may in your private opinion think that there are dangerous errors in synde of New York. You may in your private opinion think that there are dangerous errors in the inaugural of Dr. Briggs. But you cannot legally as judges in the case take that for granted. The presbytery of New York having acquitted him of teaching dangerous errors, Dr. Briggs is rectus in ecclesiae, and must remain so until the verdict is reversed. You can not reverse it as judges before you have tried the merits of the appeal. You cannot try the merits of the appeal when you are considering the legal grounds for and against the entertainment of the appeal. The appellants in this reason are asking you to join with them in prejudging the whole case and therefore their reason is invalid. It cannot legally be considered. It is alleged that these dangerous errors make

the case "one of the most important in the history of the Presbyterian Church." The aphistory of the Presbyterian Church." The appellee thinks that they exaggerate the importance of the case. If the case has become so important it is not because of the doctrinal issues that are at stake, but because of the violations of law which have already taken place and which it is proposed still further to make in order to accomplish the purpose of a party in the church and win from the general assembly new definitions of dogma. The doctrinal bly new definitions of dogma. The doctrinal issues are certainly important. It is not proper to consider their merits here. But it is proper for the defendant to call attention to the fact that he has always claimed that the doctrinal



JOHN J. STEVENSON OF THE PROSECUTION. differences are extra-judicial questions and that the presbytery of New York, in its final judgment, assert that "it does not find that the defendant has transgressed the limits of liberty allowed under our constitution to scholarship NOT A REASON FOR LEAPING THE SYNOD.

But granting for argument's sake that the defendant and his presbytery may be wrong in this matter and that the appellants are right, they would still have no reason toleap the synod of New York.

Was not the case of Albert Barnes fully as important from the point of view of 1835? And yet Dr. Junkin, the private prosecutor, carried it to the synod.

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Was not the case of Dr. Lyman Beecher, professor of theology in the Lane Theological Seminary, fully as important from the point of view of 1835? And yet Dr. Wilson, the private prosecutor, did not venture to leap the synod and appeal to the general assembly.

If the cases of Albert Barnes and Lyman Beecher had to go on gradatim in the midst of the controversies of the church in 1835-1837, why should the case of Dr. Briggs be per saltem in the controversies of the last decade of the nine-teenth century?

teenth century?

A third reason given by the appellants for leaping the synod is: . "Believing that the distinct and definite condemnation of those alleged errors by the supreme judicatory of the said Presbyterian Church, is necessary in order to prevent their spread and influence in the denomination."

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This reason brings out the aim of the appellants in this appeal. They desire that there should be a distinct and definite condemnation of the alleged errors of Dr. Briggs. But how can the general assembly condemn them unless they are proved to be errors? How can they be condemned as errors the spread of the condemned as errors. be condemned as errors in an unlawful manner. Unless they are condemned in the form of law



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proper by the appellate judicatory." It is impossible to comply with this law unless the appeals of the speak of the speak

WHAT THE EFFECT WOTLD BE. But suppose that the appellants should win heir case and you should condemn the inaugural as containing hurtful errors, would that condemnation affect the character of the instruction given to candidates for the ministry? Who believes that it would? The only effect of the adverse action taken hitherto has been to call the defendant to the defense of his inaugural and win him the support of a host of friends all over the land in de-

fense of the rights of scholarship and opinion.

If this general assembly should overcome all
the right of the defendant and do him the
wrong of reversing his acquittal by the
presbytery of New York, is there any
likelihood that the defendant would yield
his opinions? likelihood that the defendant would yield his opinions? Do you suppose that Dr. Briggs would cease his teachings on the mooted questions? Would candidates for the ministry cease to attend upon his instructions? You know well enough that none of these things could happen. Your decision would be a brutem fulmen. It could have no other effect than to call liberal men to arms in a life and death struggle for truth and right.

If, on the other hand, you should send this case where it belongs, to the synod of New York, and then in the regular course of procedure within the limits of our constitution, and with the guarding of all rights, the supreme court should eventually condemn Dr. Briggs and exclude him from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of Amer-

byterian Church in the United States of America, the defendant would acquiesce in the re-sult and would seek reordination by some other church of Jesus Christ. What matters it if it take another year? The Church of Scotland took fifteen years to decide the case of Pro Far better that you should take many years

in the thorough sifting of this case than violate law and order and equity and confront a revo lution and a religious war.

The defendant agrees to the principle so far as he is concerned: "Fiat justitia, ruat co-

But he is not willing that the coelum of the Presbyterian Church should fall in the interests of injustice and wrong. He will do his each a calamity.

The Question of Doctrine. The fourth reason presented by the appellants for leaping the synod is: "Believing that a special responsibility rests upon the general assembly, which is charged with the duty of trine, of reproving, warning or bearing testi-mony against error in doctrine in any church, presbytery or synod, and in cases that affect or concern the promotion of truth and holiness through all the churches under its care." The general assembly has a special responsi-bility as to these matters when they are brought before the general assembly in a legal manner. But so have the synod and the presbyteries each in their order special responsibility for those matters within their respective bounds. Such responsibility rises gradatim and cannot be assumed per saltem. It is not for the general assembly to name that special responsibility for many that special responsibility. eral assembly to usurp that special responsi-bility which belongs to the synod of New York. The special responsibility of the general assem-bly begins when the synod of New York has given over the responsibility to the general as-sembly in the legal forms of review, reference, complaint or appeal, based on the decisions of the synod. The special responsibility of the general assembly does not begin until the synod has exhausted its special responsibility.

The fallacy of the whole prosecution is

wrapped up in their opinion that the general assembly has the right of determining finally church in which all its representative bodies have their duties specified and restricted. The general assembly is no more omnipotent in the Presbyterian Courch than the Congress of the United States is in the affairs of the nation.

POWERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. The general assembly has the authority to act under the constitution, in the forms of the constitution, and to determine all constitutional questions, but no others. It may determine all doctrinal questions, so far as they belong to the system of doctrine taught in the Westminster confession, but not a step further. The general assembly has no authority to determine questions of doctrine which are beyond the range of the definitions of the Westminster confession. If the nitions of the Westminster confession. If the general essembly should do this it would violate the constitution. The constitution pre-scribes a way in which the Presbyterian Church

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URGED TO MAKE HASTE. The last reason given by the appellants for leaping the synod in order to the entertain-



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ontest he would count it a privilege to do so. But greater interests than his own interests are at stake. He is called to be the standard bearer at stake. He is called to be the standard bearer in a battle for truth and right. He cannot return his sword to its scabbard until truth and right have won. The appellants have forced him before the courts of the church. They have compelled his attendance upon this venerable body. They are urging you to make haste, to hurry on to a decision and to rid them of their adversary. Such have might be appropriate to a court moratie. haste might be appropriate to a court-martial, where the public good required the court to run great risks of doing a lesser individual wrong rather than run the risks of doing a greater public injury. But such haste is indecent in the courts of law. Justice does not hasten. It moves on majestically and silently hasten. It moves on majestically and silently, like the stars in their courses. It pulls steadily and irresistibly, like the force of gravitation-Right does not speed, because it is sure of ultimate vindication. Truth does not hurry, for it has no anxiety about the future. It is falschood which deeds the future. which dreads the future. It is wrong whose hands haste to mischief. It is injustice whose feet are swift to shed blood. If these prose-

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"In view of the desirableness of the speediest is not so much an appeal against a final judgment stand exceusive of the probytery, which are not appealable, that there can be not appeal appeal. He has redicted as an original party, and that you cannot tend judicial investigation; and judgment when the secure the purity and the peace of the church is the same. These massive walls of law and equity frown upon this appeal. Upon these battlements the appellents can be. Here he will remain the speellants can be. Here he will remain a purity and the peace of the carlied of interlocutory judgment when the symbol of the symbol of the will appeal here by one or the symbol of the secure the same that you cannot enter the speediest as an original party, and that you cannot enter the symbol of the secure the secure that the carlied of interlocutory judgment when the symbol of the symbol of the wild prevent the symbol of the symbol of the secure the symbol of the symbol of the wild prevent the symbol of the s

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